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a b c d e f g h i k l m n
 o p q r s t u v w x y z

Round Text.

a b c d e f g h i j k l l m n o p q r s s t u v w x y z -

ai bb ll da φ q g db lh lk ky dq iij φ tt pq my mny kiij

di φ h lb cc g hy db φ y φ pq uy g lk.

uitttrunurumulttwnnnnnimry cceeocaagcaggdddecgquocdddevxxv

abdecetffggohiijklmnopqrstuvwyz ambmcndemminqumhunsinghmk

llbbcdddhhikkllbokkffllbbhi aabbccddeffggghhiijklmnopqrstttuv

lh py ny n my y ro x v ai φ tt x d üü w

Round Text.

4

lluyjrmnceoxsvnyssadbggphyykkpadggz.

Education either makes or mairs us; and

Governments as well as private Families,

are concerned in the Consequences of it. min

abcedessghikllmnopppqrsstttuwnxyyz.in

Round Text.

5

Alium silere quod voles, primum sile. Aa.

Bonum si amicum quæris, Teipsum præsta.

Cave amicum credas nisi quem probaveris. —

Difficilis res est inventu verus amicus. Dd.

Ex vitio alterius sapiens emendat suum. Eee.

6
Fidem qui perdit, perdere ultra non potest. Ff.

Gravior est inimicus qui latet in pectore. Gg.

Hereditas Famae quam Divitiarum honestior.

Infelicitatem absconde, ne inimicos reddas laetos.

Lucrum malum damnum semper affert. Ll.

Majora perdes, parva ni retinueris. Mmm. —

Ne festina ditescere, ne pauper fias statim. N.

Omnis res properando parit Errorem. Ooooo. —

Ponere modum Iræ et Voluptati, bonum est. —

Quod aliis vitio vertas, ipse ne feceris. Qqqq. —

8
Res non potest consistere, quum quæstū ^{Sumptus.} superat —

Sæpe vincas patientiā, quem non viceris impetu. —

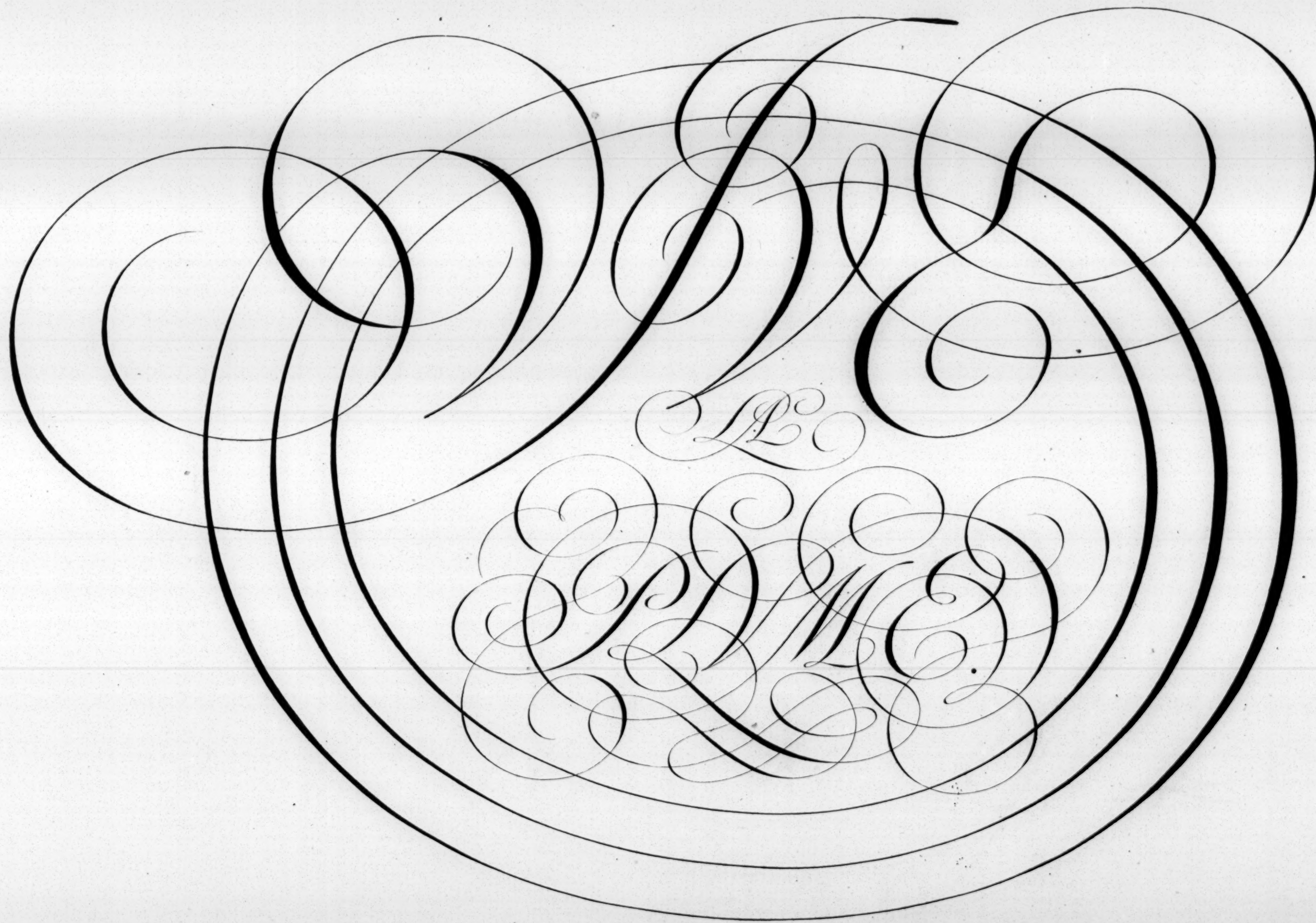
Talia dicentur tibi, qualia dixeris ipse. Tttt.

Viri boni est nescire facere Injuriam. Uvvv.

Thomas Westonius scripsit, Aug.^{ti} 16.^o 1725. —

Nemo mortalium omnibus horis Sapit; nam
sapientissimi homines nonnunquam capi-
untur blanditus malorum hominum, quam
suaviter malevolentissimi homunculi capiut
tibi demulcebunt dum eodem momento mani-
bus pedibusque, ut aiunt, conantur id tibi com-
minuere: a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z.

Clark scr.



A B C D E F 11

G H I K L M

N O P Q R S

T U V X Y Z

Forward striking.

8204327. 60127800. 529482. 80000. 128. 19. 6½.

. Aaammn. Bbbcamn. Cccummn. Ddindemn. Ddimmind.
 Eecummmu. Fffamfin. Ggommuing. Hhhimme. Jimmimm.
 Kkkimrki. Llllimmi. Mmmme. Mmnhan. Nnnmmn.
 Nnncamn. Oovammmi. Pppocann. Ppesspmmi. Qqumngu.
 Rrrrerrris. Ssssamn. Tthntcett. Uummmn. Vveimmme.
 Whimmnw. Wwvwmmn. Xxummi. Yyeamneey. Zzizezanx.

Round 1234567890. L393. 16. 10. ½. C525. 3. 25 Hutt. Hand.

. Aamm. Bbmm. Ccmm. Ddmm. Eemm.
 Fffmmi. Ggimm. Hhmm. Jimmij. Kkmm.
 Lmmill. Mmmn. Nmm. Oommm. Ppmm.
 Qqum. Rmmn. Sssimm. Tmmult. Uummi.
 Vvimmn. Wwmm. Xxmm. Yyemmi. Zzizmi.

1234567890. 1234567890. 1754.

Round.

13

Let Decency be observ'd in all your Actions and Discourse; Never study to be Diverting without being useful; let no Jest intrude upon good Manners; nor say any thing that may offend a Chast Ear. Never talk over much of what you know; least you be suspected to talk of what you do not know: And, Remember, that tho' Silence is not always the Mark of a Wise man, yet Noise and Impertinence do certainly discover the Fool. Aam, bm, cm, dm, em, fm, gm, hm, im, jm, km, lm.

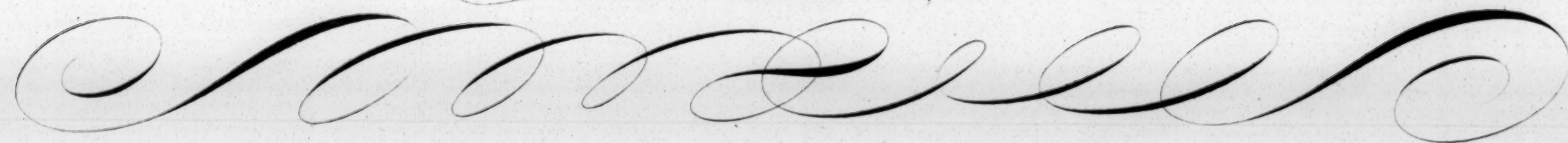
Entertain Honour with Humility; Poverty with Patience; Blessings with Thankfulness; & Afflictions with Resignation. Give your Heart to your Creator; Reverence to your Superiors; Honour to your Parents; Your Bosom to your Friend; Diligence to your Calling; Ear to good Counsel; and, Alms to the Poor. J. Weston scr.

Are you desirous of Pleasure? What more transporting than the Favour of Heaven, a Virtuous Life, the Discovery of Truth, and the Serenity of Mind which accompanies a clear Conscience? These are Pleasures that the Great and Good have in all Ages labour'd to attain.


Observe the various Actions & Tempers of Men, & pass by Human Infirmities with a generous Greatness. Criticise upon nothing more than your own Actions; & you'll see Reason enough to pardon the Weakness of others. Mmmm.

'Tis no small Happiness to be thought Innocent, but a greater to be void of Offence: Shun therefore the least Appearance of Evil, that you may not be suspected; and if you can't avoid both, chuse rather to be suspected when you don't deserve it, than to do Evil without being Suspected. TW.


He who lies under the Dominion of any one Vice, must expect the ordinary Effects of it; & If Lazy, to be Poor; if Intemperate, Diseased; and, if Luxurious, to Die betimes; &c. Weston scr.
A a b c d e f f g g h i j k k l l m n o p p q r r s s t t u v w x x y z z.



Adhibenda est quædam reverentia adversus homines et optimi cujusque et reliquorum. nam, negligere, quid de se quisque sentiat, non solum arrogantis est, sed etiam omnino dissoluti. Aam. Bbm. Ccm. Ddm. Eem. Ffm. Ggm. Hhm. Iim. Kkm. Llm. Mmm.

Res familiaris tua primum bene parata sit nulloque turpi quæstu, neque odioso; tum, quamplurimis, modo dignis, se utilem præbeat: deinde augeatur ratione, diligentia, parsimonia: nec libidini potius luxuriæque, quam liberalitati et beneficentiæ pateat. J. Weston scr.

Valetudo sustentatur notitiâ sui corporis; et observatione, quæ res aut prodesse soleant, aut obesse: et continentia in victu omni, atque cultu, corporis tuendi causa, et prætermittendis voluptatibus. Aaa. bb. cc. dd. ee. ff. gg. hh. ij. kk. ll. mm. nn. oo. pp. qq. rr. ss. tt. uv. ww. xx. yy. zz.

Round Hand.

How sublime a thing is it to live by Faith, and not by Sense? To depend upon a promise of things unseen, under a thousand discouragements and Temptations to Infidelity? To submit our understandings with a becoming humility to Mysteries that are intirely above them; our Wills to the divine Pleasure and disposal; and make it our delight to do, and to be in all cases, just what infinite Wisdom shall think fit to determine.

Round.

Musick.

Italian.

Musick the fiercest Grief can charm,
And Sates severest Rage disarm:
Musick, can soften Pain to Ease,
And make despair & madness please,
Our Joys below it doth improve,
And antedate the Bliss above.

What ravishes the Soul what charms the Ear
Is Musick, tho' a various Dress it wear
Beauty is Musick too, tho' in Disguise
Too fine to touch the Ear it strikes the Eyes
Tis Music heavenly such as in a Sphere
We only can admire, but cannot Hear,

The Mercantile Round Hand.

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London 28. Sept: 1712

*You pass too great a Complement on my Judgment, when You
desire my Advice concerning the Education of yo^r Son. I must
indeed admit it a Matter of extraordinary Moment to give a
Youth of so capacious a Genius an advantageous Education, but
certainly the same prudence and penetration that accompany
your other undertakings will not fail to lead you to make use
of the best Masters; and I know you have Generosity enough to
reward their merits: What Advice can you then want, from*

*Y^r Your most humble Serv^t
Barbedor.*

Dr Jonathan Friends's Acco. Curr. Cr

1729
 . March 31 To Cost on 20 Pipes white Port p the Jane. 760.387.
 . April 26 To D.^o on 40 Pipes red p the Swallow 1800.000.
 . May 1 To D.^o on 50 Pipes D.^o p the Susannah 2943.613.

1729
 . March 31 By our Bill to Jn^o Jms at 5.6¹/₂ Exch.^a 760.387.
 . April 26 By D.^o to Hammond & Comp.^a at 5.6¹/₄ 1000.000.
 . 29 By D.^o to Will^m Smithson at 5.6³/₄ 800.000.
 . May 2 By D.^o to Simon Lupton at 5.7 943.613.
 . 4 By D.^o to James Bramston at 5.6¹/₂ 1000.000.
 . 10 By D.^o to Thomas Hutchins at 5.6¹/₄ 1000.000.

5504.000.

5504.000.

Porto 5. May 1729.

Errors excepted,
 Sim^y Troy & Comp.^a

A Specimen of the Mercantile running round Hand by the late M^r Bland.

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M^r George Bickham.

Y^{our} Abilities in Your Profession are so well known, & You have done me so much Justice in Engraving my Essay in Writing, that tho' my Recommendations are needless, Yet my Silence would be Unpardonable on this Occasion: for You are presenting the Publick with what has been most curious in Penmanship for these Last Ages. You are saving from the Ruins of Time the Merits of the Dead, & placing the Labours of the Living in a nearer View. That by both, a Laudable Emulation may be excited in those that are to follow. The Design is so commendable, that there is no Doubt but the Industrious and Ingenious may receive great Benefit from Your Labours, & that You may have all imaginable Success is the Sincere Wish of

From the Academy
in Little Tower Street

23. May 1730.

Your very humble Servant
Bland.

The Mercantile

Running Stand.

Bills of Entry.

In the Prince of Orange, Thomas Dustin from Amsterdam.
Francis J. Abrak, ^m Fraicsteyn.

40 Demy Cambricks
4 ¹/₄ Ells Narrow Germany Linnen
40 Bacon
2104 Ells plain Hollands Linnen
under Ell ¹/₂
6 ²/₃ Ells Sail Cloth

0. Sub. 576. 9. 5.
11. Sub. 576. 9. 5.
1/3. 192. 3. 1.
2/3. —. 6. —.
Add. 259. 4. 2.
Imp. 11. 19. 1.
11. Imp. 34. 7. 6.
Sail Cl. 46. 13. 4.
1697. 12. —.
£ 84. 17. 7.

In the Bonadventure, Theophilus Lemington from Jamaica
Solomon Chauncy.

20 pounds Scurads
11 Mahogany plank
4 ³/₄ Mowrado Sugar
1536 pounds Pimento of the Gro.
4 ¹/₂ Spanish Cocoa

0. Sub. 112. 7. 3.
11. Sub. 112. 7. 3.
1/3. 37. 9. 1.
2/3. 33. 6. 11.
11. Imp. 46. 11. —.
342. 1. 6.
£ 17. 2. 1.

Written and Computed by John Bland.

J. Howard. Sculp.

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H I J K L M

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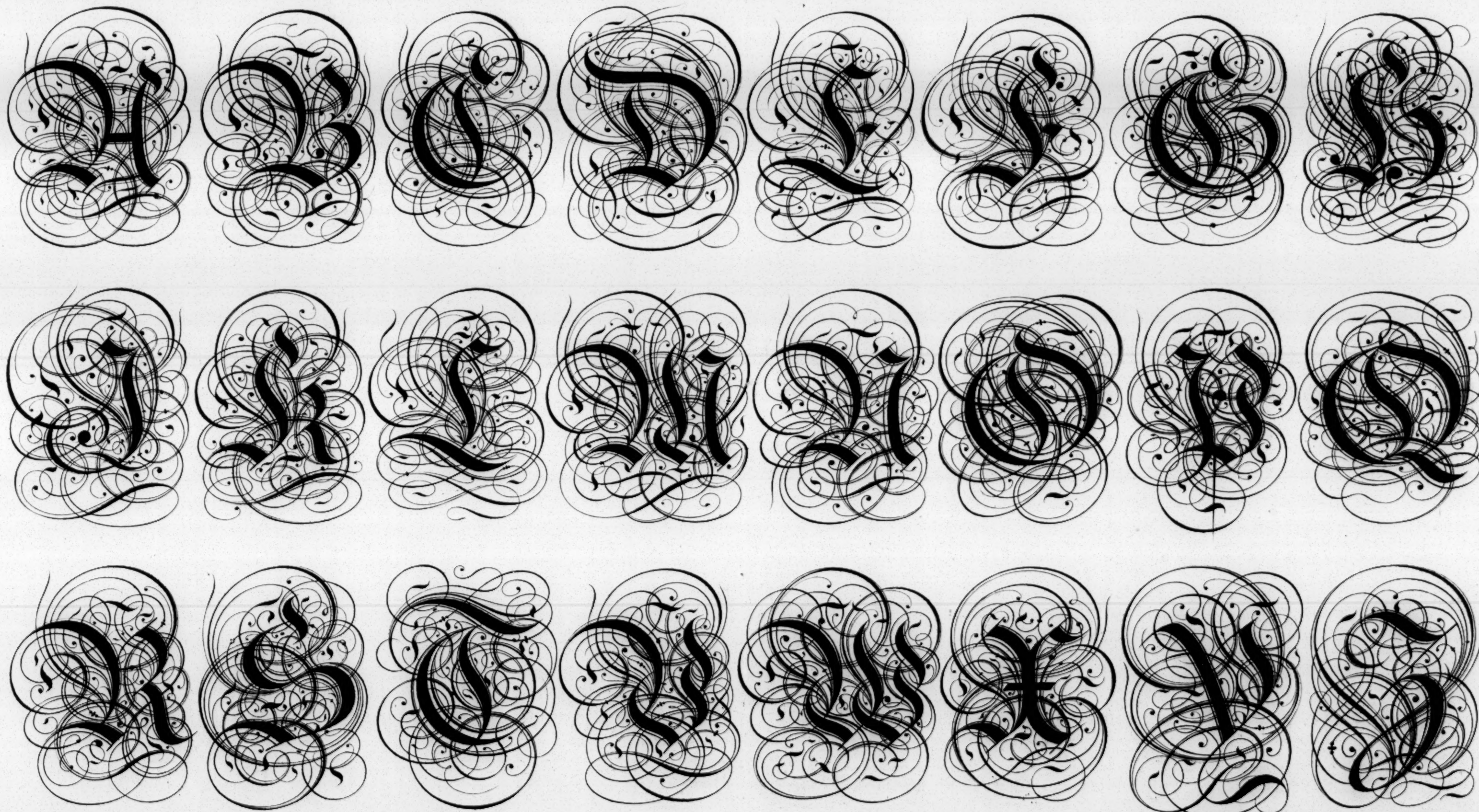
Backward striking.

The Arts of Deceit and Cunning,

do continually grow weaker and less serviceable to them that use them, whereas Integrity is of lasting use, and the more any man practiseth it, the stronger it grows, and the greater service it does him, by confirming his Reputation, and encouraging those wth whom he has to do, to repose the greater trust, and confidence in him. -
Sincerity is the best Character that can be given any man. imm

Enquiries after Happiness, and Rules for attaining it, are not so necessary and useful to Mankind as the Arts of Consolation, and supporting one's self under Affliction. The utmost we can hope for in this World is Contentment; if we aim at any thing higher, we shall meet with nothing but Grief and Disappointments: A Man should so direct all his Studies and Endeavours as to secure his own present Tranquility, and future Felicity.

*E. Austin Scrip.**G. Bickham Sculp.*



G. Bickham Sen.^r Sculp.^t

Tho. Weston scripsit.

Englisch.
 Aa. Bb. Cc. Dd. Ee. Ffff. Gg. Hh. Ii. Jj. Kk. Ll. Mm.
 Nn. Oo. Pp. Qq. Rr. Ss. Tt. Uu. Vv. Xx. Yy. Zz.
 a b c d e f f g h i j k l l m n o p q r s s t u v w x y y z z.

Court Hand.
 Aa. Bb. Cc. Dd. Ee. Ff. Gg. Hh. Ii. Jj. Kk. Ll. Mm.
 Nn. Oo. Pp. Qq. Rr. Ss. Tt. Uu. Vv. Ww. Xx. Yy. Zz.
 a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z z.

Court.
 Aa. Bb. Cc. Dd. Ee. Ff. Gg. Hh. Ii. Jj. Kk. Ll. Mm. Nn. Oo. Pp.
 Qq. Rr. Ss. Tt. Uu. Vv. Ww. Xx. Yy. Zz. Boston Ship.
 Aa. Bb. Cc. Dd. Ee. Ff. Gg. Hh. Ii. Jj. Kk. Ll. Mm. Nn. Oo. Pp. Qq. Rr. Ss. Tt. Uu. Vv. Ww. Xx. Yy. Zz.

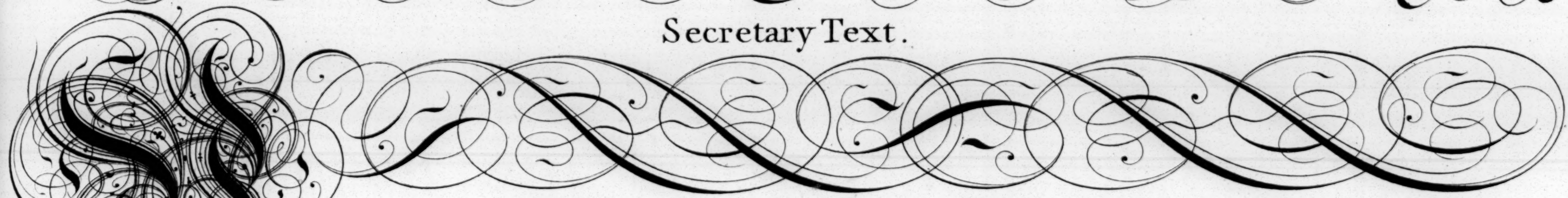
Engrossing.

unt qui omnium Libidinum Servi

sit Aliorum vitio irascuntur quasi invidiant et gravissimo puniunt
quos maxime imitantur. Atqui Ego Optimum et emendatissimum ex
istimo qui ceteris ita ignoscit tanquam ipse quotidie peccet ita Detrahit
abstinet tanquam ceteri ignoscant. Proinde hoc Domi hoc soris hoc
in omni vitæ Genere teneamus ut nobis implacabiles sumus exetabi
les istis etiam qui dare veniam nisi sibi nesciunt. Plinius Junior
ambit non fugit huiusmodi inhumani propter quod sensum vixit.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Kk Ll Mm
 Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

Secretary Text.



Value no Man for his Opinion, but esteem
 him according as his Life corresponds with the
 Rules of Piety and Justice: for a man's Acti-
 ons, not his Conceptions, render him valuable.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Kk Ll Mm Nn
Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Xx Yy Zz.

German Text.

Omnia una regula est, quam tibi cupio esse
notissimam; aut illud quod utile videtur, turpe
ne sit: aut, si turpe est, ne videatur esse utile. Cic.
Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Xx Yy Zz.

Chancery.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo
Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Xx Yy Zz. J. Weston scrip.

In the Name of God Amen. I John Doe
of East Greenwich in the County of Kent Yeoman being of sound Mind
and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following Inprintis I give and bequeath unto my
well beloved Son Henry All that Mesuage or Tenement, yt.

Court Hand.

Herrn von der grafen Ritterschafft zu Hainichen

G. Bickham Sen.^r sculp.^t

Tho. Boston scripsit.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z &

Roman.	English.	Italian.
Aa.	<i>A a.</i>	<i>Aa.</i>
Bb.	<i>B b.</i>	<i>Bb.</i>
Cc.	<i>C c.</i>	<i>Cc.</i>
Dd.	<i>D d.</i>	<i>Dd.</i>
Ee.	<i>E e.</i>	<i>Ee.</i>
Ff.	<i>F f.</i>	<i>Ff.</i>
Gg.	<i>G g.</i>	<i>Gg.</i>
Hh.	<i>H h.</i>	<i>Hh.</i>
Ii.	<i>I i.</i>	<i>Ii.</i>
Jj.	<i>J j.</i>	<i>Jj.</i>
Kk.	<i>K k.</i>	<i>Kk.</i>
Ll.	<i>L l.</i>	<i>Ll.</i>
Mm.	<i>M m.</i>	<i>Mm.</i>

A B C D E, Æ F

G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T

U V W X Y Z

<i>Nn.</i>	<i>Nn.</i>	<i>Nn.</i>
<i>Oo.</i>	<i>Oo.</i>	<i>Oo.</i>
<i>Pp.</i>	<i>Pp.</i>	<i>Pp.</i>
<i>Qq.</i>	<i>Qq.</i>	<i>Qq.</i>
<i>Rr.</i>	<i>Rr.</i>	<i>Rr.</i>
<i>Ss.</i>	<i>Ss.</i>	<i>Ss.</i>
<i>Tt.</i>	<i>Tt.</i>	<i>Tt.</i>
<i>Uu.</i>	<i>Uu.</i>	<i>Uu.</i>
<i>Vv.</i>	<i>Vv.</i>	<i>Vv.</i>
<i>Ww.</i>	<i>Ww.</i>	<i>Ww.</i>
<i>Xx.</i>	<i>Xx.</i>	<i>Xx.</i>
<i>Yy.</i>	<i>Yy.</i>	<i>Yy.</i>
<i>Zz.</i>	<i>Zz.</i>	<i>Zz.</i>

T. Weston

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ.
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz&æœ.

scripsit.

הַתְּהִלָּה יְיָ

וַיֹּאמֶר אֶרְחֹמֶךָ יְהוָה חֲזָקִי יְהוָה סִלְעִי וּמִצְדּוֹתַי
וּמִפְּלִטִי אֵלִי צוּרִי אֶחָסֶה בְּיָמִי וּבְיָמֵי מִשְׁנֵבִי

Greek.

ΨΑΛΜ. ιη.

Αἰαπήσω σε Κύριε ἡ ἰγὺς μου Κύριε σερέωμα μου καὶ κατα-
φυγή μου καὶ ῥύσῃς μου Ὁ Θεός μου βοηθός μου καὶ ἐλπίῳ ἐπ’
αὐτόν Ὑπεραψίς μου καὶ κέρας σωτηρίας μου καὶ ἀντιλήψωρ μου.

Roman.

PSAL. XVIII.

Te Deus alme colam, te toto pectore amabo
Sancte parens, mea vis, mea sola potentia, turris,
Præsidium, spes, et rebus solamen in arctis.
Tu clypeus, tutela mihi, tu certa salutis
Anchora, tu statio tuti placidissima portus.

Old English.

PSALM. xviii.

No change of times shall ever shock
my firm Affection, Lord, to thee,
For thou halt always been my Rock,
a Fortrels and Defence to me;
Thou my Deliverer art, my God;
my trust is in thy mighty Power;
Thou art my Shield from Foes abroad,
at home my Safeguard and my Tow'r.

Ἀνδρὸς κακῶς περὶ αὐτοῦτος ἔκποδὸν φίλοι.

Βραχεῖα τέρψις ἡδονῆς, τίχλει λύπῃ.

Γνώμη ὃ κρείσσον ἐστίν, ἢ ῥώμη χερῶν.

Δίκη δίκῃ ἐτίκτε, καὶ βλάβη βλάβῃ.

Εἴως θάλλει μὲν εὐπορῶν ἀποθνήσκει δ' ἀπορῶν.

Ζήκη μοῖρα ὀξεῖα πᾶν βροτῷ γήϋ' ἀμᾶ.

Η' λέγε τι σιγῆς κρείττον, ἢ σιγῇ ἔχε.

Θάρα λέγων τάληδες, εἰ σφαλῇ ποτέ.

Ἰκτὶς σμικρὸν ζῶον μεγάλων πολλάκι κακῶν αἰτία.

Καλῶς πένεας μᾶλλον, ἢ πλατεῖν κακῶς.

Λίδος κυλιόμενος Φῦκος εἰ ποιεῖ.

Μὴ κρίν' ὁρῶν τὸ κάλλος, ἀλλὰ τὸν τρόπον.

Νόμοις ἔπεας τοῖς ἐγχωρίοις, καλόν.

Ξένος πένητας μὴ παρὰ δαίμονος ἰδὼν.

Ὅπως χερσὶν τὸ πῦρ ἔτω καὶ φίλος ὁ καιρὸς κρίνει.

Πολλῷ τοι πλέονας λιμοῦ κόρος ὤλεσεν ἄνδρας.

Ρίψας λόγον τις ἐκ ἀναιρείται πάλιν.

Σκάζοντι ὁμιλῶν, καὶ οὗτος σκάζειν μαθήσεις.

Τῶν δειλῶν ἀπέχε γνῆς, ὅτι δειλῶν ὀλίγη χάρις.

Υπὸ δ' ἀδικαίᾳ δ' ἐστὶν ἡττᾶς καλόν.

Φιλεῖ ὃ τὰ κάμνοντι συσπώδειν θεός.

Χαλεπὸν τὸ ἑαυτὸν γινῶναι, ἀλλὰ μακάριον.

Ψόγῳ ἀνιάτρων, ἐπαινῶ ἀντικρὺς ἰατρῶν.

Ωἱ παῖ, σιώπα, πόλλ' ἔχ' σιωπὴ καλὰ.

א ל תאמר כשאפנה אשנה שמא לאתפנה:

א כר צדיק לברכה ושם רשעים ירקב:

ב מדה שאדם מודד בה אחרים מודדים לו:

ב יב האדם לומר האמת ולא ירא משום אדם:

ג וף בלא חכמה ותבונה כבית בלא יסוד:

ט זב כלב חי מאריר פגר ומובאש:

ד ומים החכמים בארץ למאורות בשמים:

י שיבת חבורה רעה מקנה מדות הרעות:

ה זהר משיבה אצל מי שלא תלמד ממנו טוב:

כ ל בית שיש בו מחלוקת סופו ליחרב:

ו וי ווי לאדם שיש לו אשה רעה בביתו:

ז א מידדש הוא עיקר אלא המעשר:

כִּי שְׁזָרַע הַשִּׁנְאָה הוּא יִקְצֹר הַנְּחֹמָה:

בִּפְשׁוֹתַי שֶׁל צַדִּיקִים גְּנוּזוֹת תַּחַת כֶּסֶּא הַכְּבוֹד:

סוּף קָלִילַת חֲנָם לָשׁוּב אֶל הַמִּקְלָל:

עוֹשֶׁר בְּלִי שֹׁכֵל כְּתַפֵּל בְּלִי מֶלֶח לֶאֱכֹל:

פִּי נִיף כְּבוֹשׁ מִחֲבָרִים רָעִים אֶל תֵּלֶךְ בְּדֶרֶךְ אֲתָם:

צַדִּיק

רִיךְ הָאָדָם לְמִלּוּחַ אֶת מְמוֹנוֹ לְשִׁמְרוֹ:

קוֹל

אֵלַי סֶרֶק יוֹתֵר נִשְׁמָע מִקּוֹל אֵלַי פִּיר:

רְשָׁעִים

בְּחַיֵּיהֶם נִקְרָאִים מוֹתִים וְלֹא חַיִּים:

שְׁלֹשָׁה

דְּבָרִים לְהַכִּיר אָדָם בְּכִסּוֹ בְּכֹסוֹ בְּכַעְסוֹ:

תְּכֵלֶת

כְּלִית חֲכָמָה תְּשׁוּבָה וּמַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים:

אֶזְכֹּר אֶת-בוֹרְאִיךָ בִּימֵי בַּחֲרוּתִּיךָ עַד אֲשֶׁר לֹא יָבֹאוּ יְמֵי הָרָעָה וְהִגִּיעוּ שָׁנִים אֲשֶׁר תֹּאמַר אֵין-לִי בָהֶם חֶפֶץ
אֶת־אֲמָאס וְעֶסְטָאן הַסּוֹפֵר